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Memorandum

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To: Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs*
Director, Fish and Wildlife Service
Director, National Park Service
Director, Geological Survey
Director, Bureau of Land Management
Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation
Director, Office of Policy Analysis

From: Team Leader, Natural Resources Management
Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance **{Lead}**

Subject: Review of the Final Environmental Impact Statement, **Box Canyon Hydroelectric Project**, FERC No. 2042-013, Pend Oreille County, Washington; and Bonner County, Idaho

(ER 02/890) (Agency due-date: November 22, 2004)

SPECIAL ATTENTION and HANDLING

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has requested the Department to review the subject document. Copies are attached to this memorandum. In addition, the Final EIS was mailed by FERC directly to numerous DOI Offices (see List of Recipients, pages 361-366). An Electronic copy of the Final EIS can be viewed on FERC's web site at www.ferc.gov, using the "Documents & Filing" link; select "eLibrary" and follow the instructions.

The Final EIS contains a **summary** of the Department's letter dated November 19, 2002. Further comment by Interior is not required unless the document is found to have serious omission or deficiency in areas where we have jurisdiction or special expertise.

Comments, if any, should be transmitted through channels to arrive in this Office by November 10, 2004. SOL staff, OEPC staff, and the Office of Policy Analysis will review/collate comments for signature by the Director, OEPC by November 17, 2004. Due to the complexity of issues concerning this project, it is imperative that comments are timely. Please supply all signed, paper comments on disk to OEPC.

/s/ 10/22/04

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